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An: Max Tant (max.tant@sky.com)

Dear Max,

Since I have not heard from you yet, I would like to take this opportunity to explain why I came to suspect that Dr. De Grandis has posted in your name. To save me the trouble of having to rewrite this, I take the liberty of pasting a part of the email I sent to Ivor Middleton on this subject. Here it is:

*"...anyone with half a brain looking at Max's debate with me will know that the person debating me is not a student but the course's tutor. Giovanni's continuous denial of this fact places him in a very dangerous position.*

*Let me show you how easy it is to show that Max is Giovanni:*

- 1. Max has only posted twice, for Plato's argument, lesson five, and political experiences, lesson 1. A student as intelligent as Max would not take the course to fail it due to laziness or failure to fulfill the course requirements.*
- 2. Max has a wonderfully clear mind and a keen intellect, which he uses to clarify the information posted by others in order to bring maximum benefit to the class. A student would not summarize the opponent's points with such selfless clarity or post with the intent to complete the existing discussion.*
- 3. Max's first lengthy posting comes right after Giovanni's intervention in lesson 4, when his defence of utilitarianism in the objections to utilitarianism forum, lesson 4, backfired in that it stifled further debate. Giovanni was obviously trying a new strategy to direct the discussion by posting under an assumed identity.*
- 4. Only Giovanni uses multiple emoticons within a single posting. Max, like Giovanni, uses multiple emoticons.*

5. *Only a tutor and not a student would be concerned with deviating from the course topic. A student as disinterested in the course as Max would certainly not show this kind of concern.*
6. *Max Tant has disappeared from the forums as suddenly as he appeared.*
7. *Max Tant has engaged no one but me.*
8. *Once I voiced my suspicion to Giovanni about Max's true identity, Max disappeared from the forums entirely.*

*So you see, my dear Ivor, it is painfully obvious that Max is Giovanni. What is unclear is why Giovanni used Max as a proxy? What is also clear is that the whooping I gave Max/Giovanni in the debate would have certainly upset Giovanni by hurting his pride. As you well know, nobody likes to lose a debate. For a tutor to lose a debate to a student must be especially unbearable. Ergo, Giovanni kicked me out of the course for ulterior motives. Ergo two, in denying that he is behind Max's postings he is allowing himself the right to lie and to call me an anarchist and a communist under an assumed identity while denying me the right to self-defence to Gloria's attempt at scapegoating me for her inability to keep up with the course work."*

After our telephone conversation, Max, a few more things came to my attention, which may or may not prove to be correct.

1. Why did Dr. De Grandis not contact you as soon as I voiced my doubts about your identity and ask you to send me an email stating that you are indeed you and not Dr. De Grandis masquerading as you? The only logical answer to this is that he could not appeal to you because: (a) you did not know that someone was posting in your name, or (b) having done him a favour, by letting him post in your name, he could not ask you to lie about your identity when confronted with the question.

2. Why did you not contact me to explain to me that you indeed exist and that you and no one else posted under the name of Max Tant when Ivor Middleton explained to you that I was convinced of this or, indeed, when I contacted your office and left my details there so you can get in touch with me? This is what I would have done to spare a fellow student the embarrassment of barking up the wrong tree.

3. Why would you start an online course at the end of April, when you knew you were about to start a new job at the end of May?

It could very well be that all my suspicions are unfounded, but until I have your declaration on paper I can only wonder. Before you commit yourself on paper, I wish to let you know that what is at stake now is the possibility that the entire Department of Continuing Education is engaging in an obstruction of justice and that this may be based on prejudice. As you well know I am Romanian. Since my entire career as a consultant to CEO's and Executive Directors of major companies and corporations depends on my reputation as someone who is professionally and intellectually astute, I have no choice but to fight to the bitter end when someone threatens my reputation by failing me (by using breach of netiquette as an excuse) in a relatively simple online course in political philosophy. In addition to this, I am motivated by pure principle and on the conviction that if I don't defend my rights no one else will.

If you, as a friend, decided to do Dr. De Grandis a favour by allowing him to post in your name or by posting a collaborative effort, than this is the time to acknowledge it so as to clear the way for justice to be done. If you are frank with me, I will leave you out of the picture and I will take it easy on Dr. De Grandis by asking the Proctors to see his offence as ill-informed but not malicious or premeditated. If you and Dr. De Grandis tell me the truth now, I will ask the Proctors that any redress will have to include a provision that Dr. De Grandis gets to keep his job. If, on the other hand, you choose to engage in the obstruction of justice by withholding the truth, then I will pursue this matter beyond the Disciplinary Panel and will seek redress in a court of law from all those involved in a conspiracy of silence with the intent of obstructing justice. I have the means, the determination and the evidence I need to proceed with a legal challenge through the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC).

If you tell the truth now, I will not even inconvenience you by asking the Disciplinary Panel that you appear at the hearing as a witness.

I trust you will do the right thing.

Regards,

Kevin Galalae